# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:723
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Extension of Scheme
Yellaiah Shri Nandi

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has extended a scheme granting default forests approval for public utility projects in Naxal affected regions upto December, 2018;
(a)if so, the details thereof; and
(b)the areas covered under the said scheme, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)to (c): The Central Government has accorded general approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure by Government Departments involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land in each case in Left Extremism (LWE) affected districts upto 31st December, 2018. The guidelines dated 25th February, 2016 are Annexed at 'A'. The list of 117 LWE affected districts which are covered under the above mentioned guidelines is Annexed at 'B'.

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